



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1204

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Constance A. Howard

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.4  
30 ILCS 805/8.35 new

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning violence prevention and conflict resolution education, changes language to provide that school districts with a population of more than 150,000 shall provide and school districts with a population of 150,000 or less may provide, for a period of not less than 3 weeks per calendar year, (now, all school districts shall provide) instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution education for grades kindergarten through 12 (rather than grades 4 through 12). Allows school districts to include the instruction in the social studies courses of study (instead of in the courses of study regularly taught therein). Provides that school districts must provide in-service instruction for teachers to assist them in implementing the program if implementation is required. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt any rules that are necessary for administration of the program. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-23.4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.4)

7 Sec. 27-23.4. Violence prevention and conflict resolution  
8 education. School districts with a population of more than  
9 150,000 shall provide and school districts with a population of  
10 150,000 or less may provide, for a period of not less than 3  
11 weeks per calendar year, instruction in violence prevention and  
12 conflict resolution education for grades kindergarten 4  
13 through 12. School districts ~~and~~ may include such instruction  
14 in the social studies courses of study ~~regularly taught~~  
15 ~~therein~~. School districts may give regular school credit for  
16 satisfactory completion by the student of such courses.

17 As used in this Section, "violence prevention and conflict  
18 resolution education" means and includes instruction in the  
19 following:

- 20 (1) The consequences of violent behavior.  
21 (2) The causes of violent reactions to conflict.  
22 (3) Nonviolent conflict resolution techniques.  
23 (4) The relationship between drugs, alcohol and

1 violence.

2 The State Board of Education shall prepare and make  
3 available to all school boards instructional materials that may  
4 be used as guidelines for development of a violence prevention  
5 program under this Section, ~~and provided however~~ that each school  
6 board shall determine the appropriate curriculum for  
7 satisfying the requirements of this Section. The State Board of  
8 Education shall assist in training teachers to provide  
9 effective instruction in the violence prevention curriculum.

10 The State Board of Education and local school boards shall  
11 not be required to implement the provisions of this Section  
12 unless grants of funds are made available and are received  
13 after July 1, 1993 from private sources or from the federal  
14 government in amounts sufficient to enable the State Board and  
15 local school boards to meet the requirements of this Section.  
16 Any funds received by the State or a local educational agency  
17 pursuant to the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
18 Communities Act of 1994 shall first be applied or appropriated  
19 to meet the requirements and implement the provisions of this  
20 Section.

21 School districts must provide in-service instruction for  
22 teachers to assist them in implementing this Section if  
23 implementation is required.

24 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules that are  
25 necessary for administration of this Section.

26 (Source: P.A. 88-248; 89-146, eff. 7-14-95.)

1           Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
2           Section 8.35 as follows:

3           (30 ILCS 805/8.35 new)

4           Sec. 8.35. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8  
5           of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the  
6           implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of  
7           the 97th General Assembly.

8           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9           becoming law.